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SUMMARY. RECENT EAST GERMAN ATTACK ON WEST GERMAN ORGANIZA-
TIONS FOLLOWING THE GDR (REFTEL) LEADS MISSION TO BELIEVE
THAT A LISTING OF THESE ENTITIES WOULD BE USEFUL TO ADDRESSEES.

END SUMMARY.

1. AS INDICATED REFTEL EAST GERMAN SOURCES HAVE RECENTLY
RENEWED CHARGES THAT THE FRG IS USING WEST BERLIN
FOR SUBVERSIVE ACTIVITIES DIRECTED AGAINST THE GDR. EAST
GERMAN WIRE SERVICE, ADN, CARRIED REPORT ON JAN. 8
MENTIONING INTER ALIA MINISTRY OF ALL GERMAN AFFAIRS--
SECTION III AND GERMAN INSTITUTE FOR ECONOMIC RESEARCH.
FOLLOWING IS A SUMMARY OF RESEARCH ORGANIZATIONS IN
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WEST BERLIN WHICH FOLLOW GDR AFFAIRS.

2. SECTION III OF THE MINISTRY OF ALL GERMAN
AFFAIRS IS UNDER THE DIRECTION OF HERMANN KREUTZER
AND POLICY CONTROL OF FRG PLENIPOTENTIARY IN WEST
BERLIN, SPANGENBERG, WHO HAS ALSO SERVED SINCE
SPRING, 1977, AS STATE SECRETARY IN THE MINISTRY OF

ALL GERMAN AFFAIRS. KREUTZER ACTS AS SPANGENBERG'S DEPUTY IN FRG PLENIPOTENTIARY ROLE AS WELL.

3. SECTION III, BERLIN SECTION OF THE ALL GERMAN AFFAIRS MINISTRY, IS IN CHARGE OF "BERLIN POLICY" AND HAS A SUBSECTION WHICH DEALS WITH SUCH CONCRETE SUBJECTS AS RANSOM OF PRISONERS HELD IN THE GDR AND LEGAL IMMIGRATION FROM THE GDR.

4. ANOTHER BRANCH OF THE MINISTRY OF ALL GERMAN AFFAIRS IS THE FEDERAL INSTITUTE FOR ALL GERMAN AFFAIRS (OR THE ALL-GERMAN INSTITUTE). THIS INSTITUTE'S DUTIES ARE PUBLICLY DEFINED AS "COLLECTING INFORMATION" ABOUT THE GDR TO ASSIST IN FRG POLICY-MAKING. THREE SECTIONS OF IT ARE LOCATED IN BONN BUT SECTION IV (MENTIONED IN THE ADN REPORT) IS LOCATED AT FEHRBELLINER PLATZ IN WEST BERLIN. THIS SECTION HAS A STAFF OF ABOUT 85 PEOPLE WHO FOLLOW DEVELOPMENTS IN THE GDR IN THE FOLLOWING AREAS: POLITICAL PARTIES, BIOGRAPHIC DATA, EDUCATIONAL SYSTEM, PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION AND ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE. MISSION UNDERSTANDS THAT SECTION IV IS THE ONLY ACTIVE AND EFFECTIVE PART OF THE ALL GERMAN INSTITUTE. CHIEF OF SECTION IV IS WALTER ROSENTHAL, FORMER HEAD OF THE NOW-DISBANDED INVESTIGATIVE COMMITTEE OF THE FREE JURISTS.
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5. THE "AUGUST 13 WORKING GROUP" IS HEADED BY DR. RAINER HILDEBRANDT, FORMER CHIEF OF THE "KAMPFGRUPPE GEGEN UNMENSCHLICHKEIT." THE WORKING GROUP CONCERNS ITSELF PRIMARILY WITH PRISONERS HELD IN THE GDR BUT BECAUSE HILDEBRANDT IS CONSIDERED NOT FULLY RELIABLE BY ALL GERMAN AFFAIRS MINISTER FRANKE THE WORKING GROUP RECEIVES NO FRG SUBSIDIES. ADN REPORT WAS THEREFORE WRONG ON THIS POINT.

6. THE GERMAN INSTITUTE FOR ECONOMIC RESEARCH (DEUTSCHES INSTITUT FÜR WIRTSCHAFTSFORSCHUNG - DIW) IS HEADED BY FORMER BERLIN ECONOMICS SENATOR KOENIG WITH A SUBSECTION ON THE GDR HEADED BY DR. CORNEHLSSEN. THE INSTITUTE RECEIVES SUBSIDIES FROM THE SENAT AND SEVERAL MINISTRIES OF THE FRG: FINANCE, ECONOMICS, TRAFFIC, POST AND COMMUNICATIONS, RESEARCH AND TECHNOLOGY, AND ECONOMIC COORDINATION; THE MINISTRY OF ALL GERMAN AFFAIRS HOWEVER IS NOT LISTED IN MATERIAL PUBLISHED BY DIW AS A CONTRIBUTOR. ADDITIONAL REVENUE COMES FROM VARIOUS BUNDESLÄNDER AS WELL AS PRIVATE FIRMS WHICH EMPLOY THE INSTITUTE FOR RESEARCH PURPOSES.

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7. THE MINISTRY ALSO SUBSIDIZES A RESEARCH OFFICE FOR ALL GERMAN ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL QUESTIONS HEADED BY PROF. THALHEIM BUT SUBSIDIES TO THIS GROUP ARE SO SMALL THAT LOCAL SOURCES DOUBT ANY REAL RESEARCH-- AS OPPOSED TO COLLECTION OF PUBLISHED MATERIAL-- IS POSSIBLE. THALHEIM, NOW RETIRED, HAS BEEN A SPECIALIST ON COMMUNIST ECONOMICS, MOSTLY AT THE FREE UNIVERSITY, SINCE HE LEFT THE SOVIET OCCUPATION ZONE IN 1947. HE IS WELL KNOWN TO AMERICAN SCHOLARS IN THE FIELD.

8. EAST EUROPE INSTITUTE AT FREE UNIVERSITY, AS WELL AS OTHER BRANCHES OF THAT LARGE UNIVERSITY, ALSO CONDUCT RESEARCH INTO GDR AFFAIRS.

9. THE "DEUTSCHLANDHAUS" NEAR THE ANHALTER BAHNHOF ALSO RECEIVES SUBSIDIES, BUT THESE HAVE BEEN REDUCED HEAVILY; ITS ROLE OF HELPING TO MAINTAIN GERMAN CULTURE IN THE FORMER GERMAN EAST AND MIDDLE GERMANY HAS BEEN
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CORRESPONDINGLY REDUCED BUT ITS EXHIBITION ROOMS STILL
DRAW MANY HUNDREDS OF TOUR BUSES CARRYING WEST GERMAN
TOURISTS, YOUNG AND OLD.

10. COMMENT: ABOVE LIST OF ORGANIZATIONS
RUNS GAMUT FROM THE ACTIVELY ANTI-COMMUNIST TO THE
PURE RESEARCH ORGANIZATION. WITH 18,800,000 VISITS
TO EAST BERLIN AND/OR EAST GERMANY MADE BY WEST BERLINERS
SINCE THE QA TOOK EFFECT IN 1971, IT IS APPARENT THAT
MANY OF THE WEST BERLIN RESIDENTS HAVE CONSIDERABLE KNOWLEDGE
ABOUT INTERNAL GDR AFFAIRS AS WELL. WE HAVE FOR EXAMPLE MET
YOUNG SPD LEFTISTS WHO VISIT EAST BERLIN FOR PURPOSE
OF TALKING POLITICS WITH THEIR SED COUNTERPARTS AT
HUMBOLDT UNIVERSITY. IN MOST CASES, THESE WEST BERLIN
ORGANIZATIONS RECEIVE ONLY SUBSIDIES FROM FEDERAL
MINISTRY OF ALL GERMAN AFFAIRS AND ARE OTHERWISE NOT
SUBSERVIENT TO FRG POLICY INTERESTS OF THE MOMENT. GEORGE

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